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SUPPLIES OF FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ON MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - WEEK OF MAY 15-20, 1944

MAY 19, 1944

(ISSUED WEEKLY, BASED ON WEDNESDAY'S MARKET)

COMMODITY	BEANS, SNAP		BEETS		CABBAGE		CARROTS		CAULIFLOWER		CELERY		KEY	
CITY	SUPPLY TREND	PRICE TREND	SUPPLY TREND	PRICE TREND	SUPPLY TREND	PRICE TREND	SUPPLY TREND	PRICE TREND	SUPPLY TREND	PRICE TREND	SUPPLY TREND	PRICE TREND		
Atlanta	PLENT	SH	NONE	---	MOD	SL	MOD	SH	Lgt	U	Lgt	H	SUPPLY TREND Plant - Plentiful Mod - Moderate Lgt - Light VLgt - Very Light	
Washington, D. C.	VLgt	C	PLENT	U	MOD	SL	PLENT	SL	VLgt	---	Lgt	H		
Baltimore	Lgt	C	Lgt	U	MOD	L	MOD	L	Lgt	U	VLgt	U		
Philadelphia	VLgt	C	Lgt	SL	PLENT	SL	PLENT	L	Lgt	SL	Lgt	SL		
New York	Lgt	B,C,-O,L	MOD	SL	MOD	SH	PLENT	L	MOD	L	MOD	H		
Boston	Lgt	SL	Lgt	SL	Lgt	C	PLENT	SL	Lgt	SH	VLgt	H		
Pittsburgh	NONE	---	Lgt	U	MOD	U	MOD	L	MOD	U	MOD	H		
Cincinnati	Lgt	H	Lgt	H	MOD	U	Lgt	U	Lgt	U	Lgt	H		
Chicago	PLENT	SL	MOD	SL	PLENT	SL	PLENT	L	MOD	L	MOD	H		
Minneapolis	MOD	M,C	VLgt	U	PLENT	SL	PLENT	L	MOD	L	VLgt	H		
St. Louis	Lgt	U	Lgt	U	PLENT	L	MOD	L	Lgt	U	Lgt	H		
Kansas City	Lgt	U	Lgt	SL	PLENT	L	MOD	U	Lgt	H	NONE	---		
Port Worth	Lgt	U	MOD	C	PLENT	L	MOD	M,C	NONE	---	Lgt	U		
Denver	MOD	U	PLENT	SL	PLENT	L	MOD	U	Lgt	U	NONE	---		
Los Angeles	Lgt	U	PLENT	L	PLENT	SL	MOD	U	MOD	B,H	Lgt	M,C		
San Francisco	MOD	U	PLENT	L	MOD	SL	MOD	U	PLENT	U	VLgt	SH		
Portland	Lgt	H	MOD	SL	MOD	SL	MOD	C	MOD	SL	Lgt	C		
COMMODITY	GRAPEFRUIT		LETTUCE		ONIONS		ORANGES		PEAS, GREEN		PEPPERS			
	Lgt	U	MOD	C	MOD	L	MOD	U	Lgt	U	MOD	U		
	MOD	U	PLENT	U	PLENT	SL	PLENT	C	Lgt	U	VLgt	C		
	Lgt	U	MOD	B,C	MOD	L	MOD	U	Lgt	U	Lgt	U		
	Lgt	B,C	MOD	C	PLENT	L	MOD	B,C	MOD	SL	Lgt	B,C-O,L		
	MOD	B,C-O,SL	MOD	M,C	MOD	L	PLENT	U	MOD	U	Lgt	SL		
	MOD	SL	MOD	G	PLENT	L	MOD	SL	Lgt	C	MOD	U		
	Pittsburgh	Lgt	U	MOD	C	PLENT	L	MOD	U	Lgt	H	Lgt	C	
	Cincinnati	MOD	U	MOD	C	MOD	L	PLENT	U	Lgt	U	Lgt	C	
	Chicago	MOD	U	Lgt	C	PLENT	L	MOD	U	MOD	SL	MOD	SL	
	Minneapolis	MOD	U	MOD	C	PLENT	L	MOD	U	MOD	U	MOD	U	
	St. Louis	MOD	SL	VLgt	C	PLENT	L	MOD	U	Lgt	U	Lgt	C	
Kansas City	Lgt	U	Lgt	SL	PLENT	L	MOD	C	Lgt	H	NONE	---		
Port Worth	Lgt	U	MOD	C	PLENT	L	MOD	M,C	NONE	---	Lgt	U		
Denver	MOD	U	PLENT	SL	PLENT	L	MOD	U	Lgt	U	NONE	---		
Los Angeles	Lgt	U	PLENT	L	PLENT	SL	MOD	U	MOD	B,H	Lgt	M,C		
San Francisco	MOD	U	PLENT	L	MOD	SL	MOD	U	PLENT	U	VLgt	SH		
Portland	Lgt	H	MOD	SL	MOD	SL	MOD	C	MOD	SL	Lgt	C		

PRICE TREND

SUPPLY TREND
Plant - Plentiful
Mod - Moderate
Lgt - Light
VLgt - Very Light

H - Higher
SH - Slightly Higher

U - Unchanged
C - Ceiling
H - Hostly
O - Others
B - Best
PEAS, GREEN
PEPPERS
MOD - Moderate
Lgt - Light
VLgt - Very Light
SH - Slightly Higher

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COMMODITY	POTATOES, OLD			POTATOES, NEW			SPINACH			STRAWBERRIES			TOMATOES			PRICE TREND	SUPPLY TREND	KEY
	SUPPLY TREND	PRICE TREND		SUPPLY TREND	PRICE TREND		SUPPLY TREND	PRICE TREND		SUPPLY TREND	PRICE TREND		SUPPLY TREND	PRICE TREND				
Atlanta	PLENT	SL		MOD	SL		LGT	U		VLGT	L		PLENT	U				
Washington, D. C.	PLENT	U		MOD	U		PLENT	U		MOD	B,C-O,L		LGT	SL				Plent - Plentiful
Baltimore	MOD	U		MOD	U		MOD	U		MOD	SL		MOD	U				Mod - Moderate
Philadelphia	PLENT	B,U-O,SL		MOD	U		MOD	B,SH		MOD	B,C-O,SL		MOD	SL				Lgt - Light
New York	MOD	L		MOD	SL		MOD	L		MOD	B,C-O,SL		MOD	L				VLgt - Very Light
Boston	PLENT	L		MOD	SH		PLENT	SL		LGT	C		MOD	U				
Pittsburgh	MOD	U		MOD	U		MOD	U		LGT	U		MOD	L				
Cincinnati	LGT	U		MOD	U		PLENT	SL		MOD	SL		PLENT	L				
Chicago	LGT	L		MOD	U		MOD	L		MOD	SL		MOD	L				
Minneapolis	MOD	U		PLENT	SL		MOD	SL		PLENT	B,C-O,L		MOD	SL				
St. Louis	LGT	U		PLENT	L		PLENT	L		MOD	L		MOD	L				B - Best
Kansas City	LGT	SL		PLENT	L		LGT	U		LGT	SL		MOD	L				O - Others
Port Worth	VLGT	U		MOD	SL		LGT	U		LGT	C		PLENT	SL				M - Mostly
Denver	PLENT	U		PLENT	SL		PLENT	SL		NONE	---		MOD	U				C - Ceiling
Los Angeles	VLGT	C		MOD	SL		NO REPORT	---		VLGT	C		MOD	L				U - Unchanged
San Francisco	LGT	U		MOD	SL		MOD	SH		MOD	B,C-O,L		PLENT	L				L - Lower
Portland	LGT	U		MOD	U		PLENT	L		NONE	---		MOD	SL				SL - Slightly Lower

THIS SUMMARY IS BASED ON REPORTS SUPPLIED BY THE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MARKET NEWS OFFICES, AT THE CITIES NAMED AND BY OTHER AGENCIES OF THE OFFICE OF DISTRIBUTION, WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION. IT SHOWS THE SUPPLY AND PRICE TREND AS COMPARED WITH THE WEEK PREVIOUS. ALL SUPPLIES REPORTED ON ARE OF MERCHANTABLE QUALITY. THE LETTER "B" IN THE PRICE TREND COLUMN REFERS TO THE BEST QUALITY, AND "C" REFERS TO OTHER QUALITY STANDARDS. THUS, THE SYMBOLS, B, SH-O, U SHOULD BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN BEST QUALITY, SLIGHTLY HIGHER - OTHERS UNCHANGED.

GENERAL COMMENTS

DUE TO THE HEAVY SUPPLY, ONION PRICES DROPPED SHARPLY ON PRACTICALLY ALL MARKETS. A NATIONAL PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, IN AN EFFORT TO CREATE MORE DEMAND FOR ONIONS, WAS STARTED MAY 15TH. AROUND JUNE 1ST, SHIPMENTS OF ONIONS FROM SOUTH TEXAS WILL END AND THOSE FROM NORTH TEXAS WILL BEGIN. INDICATIONS ARE THAT, DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, CABBAGE SUPPLIES WILL CONTINUE PLENTIFUL AND CAULIFLOWER OFFERINGS WILL LIKELY BE LIGHT.

SUPPLIES OF BOTH OLD AND NEW POTATOES ARE MODERATE TO PLENTIFUL ON MOST MARKETS. NEW POTATOES SOLD SLIGHTLY LOWER ON WESTERN AND MID-WESTERN MARKETS, BUT SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE ON EASTERN MARKETS. INDICATIONS ARE, THAT FROM NOW THROUGH JUNE, SUPPLIES OF OLD POTATOES, THOUGH DECREASING, WILL BE ABOVE AVERAGE FOR THIS PERIOD OF THE YEAR. NEW POTATO SUPPLIES WILL BE SMALLER THAN A YEAR AGO, BUT LARGER THAN THE 10-YEAR AVERAGE, 1933-42. INCREASED SUPPLIES FROM CALIFORNIA ARE OFFSET BY DECREASES IN ARKANSAS, ALABAMA, TENNESSEE, GEORGIA, NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA. DRY WEATHER AT THIS TIME IS TENDING TO LOWER POTATO PRODUCTION IN THE ATLANTIC SEABOARD STATES.

DURING THE WEEK:

CARROTS FROM CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA WERE AGAIN PLENTIFUL AND PRICES MOVED LOWER ON MOST MARKETS. SHIPMENTS OF STRAWBERRIES FROM ARKANSAS, KENTUCKY, TENNESSEE, AND THE EASTERN SHORE OF VIRGINIA INCREASED AND PRICES WERE SLIGHTLY LOWER ON MOST MARKETS.